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1. NEW HONG KONG GOVERNMENT (HKG) IMMIGRATION POLICY (REFS A AND C) AND PRC REFUGEE STOWAY CASE AND SUBSEQUENT PUBLICITY HAS CREATED SITUATION IN WHICH USG COULD BE PLACED IN AWKWARD POSITION HERE. THE ESSENTIALS OF THIS DILEMA AS FOLLOWS:

A. WITH FACTOR OF "WELL FOUNDED FEAR OF PERSECUTION" NOW HAVING BEEN INTRODUCED INTO HONG KONG BY BRITISH FORCIBLE REPATRIATION OF ILLEGALS, THERE ARE GROUNDS FOR CONGEN ACCEPTING REFUGEE APPEALS FOR U.S. POLITICAL ASYLUM (WHICH HAS NOT BEEN CASE HERETOFORE).

WITH REFUGEE GROUPS AND NETWORK HERE BEING WELL ORGANIZED, ONCE USG APPROVAL OF SUCH APPEAL BECOMES KNOWN CONGEN WOULD SOON BE DELUGED WITH FLOOD OF OTHER APPEALS. RESULTANT PUBLICITY COULD

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HAVE CLEAR ADVERSE EFFECTS UPON U.S. RELATIONS WITH PRC AND MAKE

SITUATION AWKWARD FOR HKG AS WELL.

B. ON OTHER HAND NON-ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH APPEALS WOULD RUN COUNTER TO CURRENT U.S POLITICAL ASYLUM REGULATIONS (REF D AND E). BY SAME TOKEN USG REJECTION OF SUCH APPEALS COULD DRAW CRITICISM THAT DECISION IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH STOWAWAY CASE. PRESS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS ASPECTS ARE THUS OBVIOUSLY HIGHLY IMPORTANT FACTORS IN EITHER SITUATION.

2. WE WILL BE CONSULTING WITH BRITISH AUTHORITIES HERE IN EFFORT TO DEVISE ARRANGEMENT WHICH WILL HOPEFULLY OBTAIN THESE DIFFICULTIES. WE BELIEVE THAT WITH HKG COOPERATION THERE IS SOME POSSIBILITY "WELL FOUNDED FEARS OF PERSECUTION" FACTOR COULD BE REMOVED BY SOME INFORMAL DEAL. LATER MESSAGES WILL REPORT RESULTS OF OUR DISCUSSIONS BUT WE WISH TO ALERT DEPARTMENT TO POSSIBLE PROBLEM.
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